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SUBJECT: MOMENTUM OF OFFICIAL GRB INTEREST IN FAMILY PLANNING
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REF: A STATE 62644, B BUJUMBURA 194

1. BURUNDI'S MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. JOSEPH NINDORERA, UNDERLINED HIS DESIRE TO GET FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM STARTED DURING APRIL 5 MEETING WITH EMBOFF BY ASKING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN LINING UP OR PROVIDING TRAINING IN FAMILY PLANNING TECHNIQUES (IN FRENCH) FOR ONE OR TWO DOCTORS AND TWO NURSES. NINDORERA WAS VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE FAMILY PLANNING MATERIALS POUCHED BY DEPT AND SAID HE AND HEALTH MINISTRY OFFICIALS WOULD SELECT MOST USEFUL AND SUBMIT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES. HE WAS ALSO PLEASED TO LEARN OF OUR EFFORTS TO LOCATE PUBLICATIONS HE HAD REQUESTED PER REFTEL B.

2. MOST INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT TO DATE, HOWEVER, IS VERY POSITIVE OFFICIAL FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE, WHICH EMBASSY RECEIVED WHEN MINISTRY FINALLY FORMALLY TRANSMITTED NINDORERA'S REQUEST FOR FAMILY PLANNING MATERIALS. (REFTEL B). MEETING ISSUE HEAD ON RATHER THAN VEILING IT AS BEFORE IN LANGUAGE REFERRING TO A "SPACING OF PREGNANCIES", THE NOTE REQUESTS U.S. HELP IN OBTAINING DOCUMENTATION LAYING OUT MODERN FAMILY PLANNING TECHNIQUES FOR USE IN SCHOOL AND TRAINING SEMINARS THUS PERMITTING THE POPULARIZATION OF FAMILY PLANNING TECHNIQUES FOR WHICH, THE NOTE CONTINUED, THE NEED (IN BURUNDI) IS AT PRESENT KEENLY FELT.

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3. THE GRB HAS CLEARLY TURNED TO USG FOR HELP IN THIS CRITICAL FIELD AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AND QUICKLY TO HELP SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE MOMENTUM WHICH HAS DEVELOPED. WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EARLIEST REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR EXPERT FAMILY PLANNING HELP (REFERRED TO IN STATE 62644), AND ADVISE CONCERNING NINDORERA'S REQUEST FOR TRAINING ASSISTANCE.

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